

AAUW- NC Fall Meeting
Greensboro, NC
September 24-25, 2010

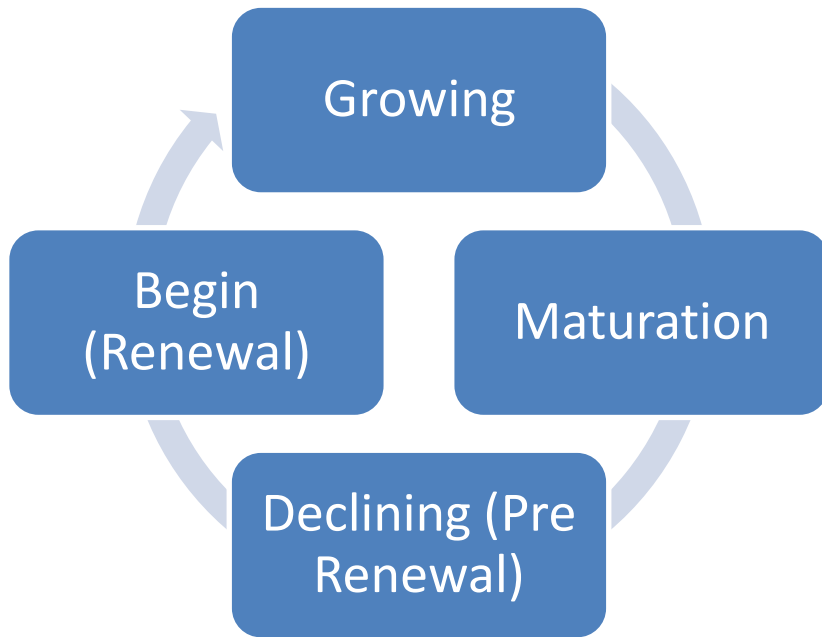
This meeting was a discussion format, under the direction of facilitator, Janet Watrous. We used newsprint format and these notes are from those sheets.

Karla Atkinson also took some of the sheets and her transcription is below this. We hope this helps those who were not there and jogs them memory of those there. Again thanks to all who attended. – Lill Van Order

In AAUW, I value....

- being welcomed, noticed, accepted and plugged in
- equality for women (the mission)
- being part of a national organization
- being connected with educational funds, the mission, fellowship, grants, legal advocacy
- friendships
- common bonds
- my “egghead group”- permission to be questioning and searching
- belonging to a group that makes a difference
- opportunity for leadership
- grown up with AAUW role models
- mentoring – mentor and mentee
- my input valued by people I respect
- women’s roles have changed and are changing

Life Cycle of an Organization: an organization is a living thing that grows, matures, and declines at its own pace.



Those of us present were asked to place our branch on this chart, from our perspective, at this time. We then used this placement as a stepping off point for further discussions and reference. Below are those placements.

{Beginning or Renewal- Tryon

Growth- Tar Heel Branch/ Jacksonville/ High Country} Group #1

{Maturation- Gastonia Regional/ Asheville/ Brevard/ Wilmington/ Hendersonville/ Eden
Between Maturation and Decline- Greensboro/ Twin Rivers} Group #2

{Closer to Decline- Sandhills-Southern Pines/ Statesville

Decline- Charlotte/ Chapel Hill/ Salisbury/ Winston-Salem/ Raleigh Wake} Group #3

We then broke into three groups to discuss what the branches want from the state org.

Group #1 Beginning and Growth

Group #2 Maturation and “Between Maturation and Decline”

Group # 3 “Closer to Decline” and Decline

We reconvened, reported and discussed how **Form Follows Function**, those notes follow

Role/ Purpose/ Mission of the State Board has changed

You said, “We want the state board to”...

Provide- Resources

- either directly or by hiring or acquiring to strengthen branches’ leaders and programs
- membership recruitment/ retention

Publicize

- regularly, timely and consistently helpful information
- new information

Underwrite

- some costs for the above
- renew/ refresh the mission in the present context using the best resources possible (whether the board, president, or AAUW member)
- be willing to pay

Plan the Annual Meeting of Members

-The discussion that followed ended in a motion that was passed unanimously. Karla's notes have the exact wording of such motion.

Ideas and background on the Annual Meeting of Members

- required to have an annual meeting
- will be overnight
- about 100 attended in the past
- workshops possibly
- elect officers
- review bylaws and resolutions
- remember deceased members
- orientation of new board members
- location of meeting central part of the state
- 2 state meetings
- every member present will have a vote- no more delegates